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EPA relied upon a discrete set of data from water samples to evaluate conditions in the river following the Gold King Mine incident. This data was compared to post-event data. Water quality data from samples collected after the spill continue to trend to pre-event conditions.

In the upper reaches of the Animas River, EPA had some historical information for both water quality and sediment dating back to 2012. In the lower reaches of both Animas River and San Juan Rivers, EPA collected water quality prior to the plume reaching these areas.

Public drinking water systems successfully closed their intakes from the river before the spill reached them.